GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1000
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Repatriation of Indians
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to continuous fall in oil prices, most of the Gulf countries are taking austerity measures including imposing tax on income of expatriates which has adversely affected many Indians in those countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many Indians have returned to India from Gulf countries due to increased taxes and harassment;

(d) if so, whether Indian missions abroad, especially in Gulf countries are in constant touch with Indian workers who are being repatriated to India; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide ample assistance to Indian workers in Gulf countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Yes, economic measures are reportedly being taken by Gulf countries to address the adverse effect on economy due to sharp decline in global oil prices. Some Gulf countries are reportedly considering imposition of VAT and increase in charges towards public services such as electricity, water etc.

(c) No such instances of Indians returning from Gulf Countries due to increased taxes and harassment have been reported by Indian Missions in these countries.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.